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HOW WE SPENT OUR SPRING VACATION by Your FACULTY

Mrs. C. Smith had no specific plans; just time off. Mr. Ruesink will be helping his son with his house. Mr. Cassell visited his family.

Mrs. Baltmanis, we have it from an inside source, relaxed at home and may have taken her daughters to Chicago. Mrs. Chludzinski slept in late. Mr. Lutz spent the week in White Pigeon, his home away from home.

Wallpapering occupied Mr. Stimac's vacation, but his kitchen(and probably his wife) will appreciate the time spent. Mrs. Archambault went to Florida where it was even hotter than here.

Mrs. Brown cleaned for her vacation . Mr. Topp's vacation activity was baseball. (That beats cleaning.) Ms. Cowin had even more fun ... she went to San Diego...as did Mrs. Markovich and Ms. Vall.

Mrs. Pasman's son and husband went to Arkansas while she stayed home. Mrs. Swanson went to Wisconsin to see her mother. Mrs. A. Smith went to Alabama.

Mr. Kannegieter coached track for his vacation. What a trooper! Mr. Edinger may have gone to Oshtemo...no one is sure. Mr. Zolp went to Chicago according to an inside source also.

While Mr. MArtin was planning to spend his vacation running to stay in shape, he wasn't too sure where he'd be going. (Hope he took a road map.)

We didn't catch every staff member. The ones we missed you'll have to ask yourself.

GUESS HOW MANY NEW BOOKS ARE IN OUR LIBRARY?

213! Yup.. The middle school library has 213 new books as of Novbember 1997 when the last count was done.

Some of the new books include the following titles:

WILD LIFE ATLAS
MONSTER VEHICLES
THE RUNNER
ENVIRONMENT ATLAS
CHILDREN'S ATLAS
THE ST.BERNARD
AIRPLANES OF THE FUTURE
MONARCHS
PLACES OF REFUGE
SPACE SAILING
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE
RESEARCH AIR PLANES
THE DALMATION
ASTEROIDS, COMETS AND METEORS
THE WHITE STALLIONS
JET WATERCRAFT
STARS AND PLANETS ATLAS
THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER
18 WHEELERS
4 X 4'S AND PICKUPS

For more info, visit the library and see for yourself.

The following interview with MR TOPP evolved from a class assignment done by CeGee Heldt and Sam Millek.
Sam: So, Mr. Topp, how are you?
MR. T.: just peachy.
Sam: Are you a boxer?
M.T. : You can say that.
SAm: What were some of the boxing follies that have happened?
M.T.: Well, there was the time when my opponent's pants fell down while we were boxing.
Sam: That person would not have been you, would it?
M.T: I don't think so.
Sam: What else happened?
M.T.: There was the time when the referee got knocked out while he was separating the fight.
Sam: Did you knock him out?
M.T.: That's not important. Next question.
Sam: What about the spit buckets? Has anything ever happened to them?
M.T.: Well, as a matter of fact, one of the buckets got knocked over.
Sam: That is pretty gross. Got any more for us?
M.T.: There was also the time when one of the boxers boxed the whole match with two right shoes on.
Sam: Was that boxer you?
M.T.: No comment.
Thanks Mr. Topp for the interview.
FYI
BY THE WAY, THERE WERE 4104 TILES IN THE HALL DOWNSTAIRS.

STAY HOME TOMORROW...WE HAVE NO SCHOOL APRIL 10.

WHAT'S HOT; WHAT'S NOT.

HOT	NOT
BOOT CUT	STRETCH PANTS
WKFR	B93
TITANIC	MR.MAGOO
SILVER	GOLD
FLATS	PLATFORMS
WINNIE POOH	SESAME ST.
LEONARDO D.	JTT
SPICE GIRLS	HANSON
SPORT SANDALS	BERKENSTOCKS

by ashley b and lindsey b.

RICE CRISPY TREATS... AN L.A.CLASS HIT... aSHLEY gENTHER SHARES HER FAMOUS RECIPE

1 BAG OF MARSHMELLOWS
1 BAG OF CHOCOLATE CHIPS
1 BOX RICE CRISPIES
1/2 STICK OF BUTTER

melt the butter on low until melted.
then add marshmallows.
cook til melted,
add choc. chips and stir til melted.
add rice crispies. stir.
pour into a flat pan.
let cool and then cut.
eat..... takes three minutes to make.

DREAMS: THE Phenomenon
by t. henley

I like having dreams, no matter what happens in them. I love the ones where you fall off buildings and get a thrill. I would love to know why we have dreams. I'd guess it's because we need something to occupy us when we're sleeping.

Dumb facts you don't need to know.

Fact#1- Dreams occur every night. Fact #2- Your eyes rapidly move while you sleep. Fact #3 - Unborn babies dream. Fact #4 You can't move while dreaming. Fact #5- Tests have been run on cats' muscles so that they can move while dreaming. Cats have been seen running, even attacking imaginary mice.

All in all, dreams are great.

INTERVIEW WITH DANIEL VELEZ

(Daniel moved to Paw Paw in fall from Colombia where he had lived all his life.)

Interviewing Daniel were Andy Goldberg and Tom Kolenko, fellow eighth graders.

As Andy and I interviewed Daniel, we found out a lot of interesting things that people here might like to know.

Now for all you girls out there who might be interested in Daniel, hold up. He has a girl friend back in Colombia. You wouldn't want him cheating , now would you? His girl friend's name is Mercedes and she is 14 just like Daniel. From what he tells us , she's pretty hot.

Daniel speaks three languages: German, Spanish and English. He is so smart too. EVeryone is always talking about how he knows so much.

He's not a just a bookworm though. He loves soccer. He's pretty good at it too. If anyone thinks they play soccer well, you better give Daniel a go.

DEAR JOHN,

My friends and I have a problem. We are tired of being accused of sexual harrassment. Some of us are harrassing, I admit. But a lot of us are not and the guys are getting a bad rap. I think the girls are abusing the issue. The girls can get away with whatever they want. IF a girl says you're good-looking, that's ok. But a guy could say the same thing, and he's busted.

Two angry guys

DEAR TWO,

There are matters in life that you will have to understand. There are some girls who like a lot of attaching and some that are probably angry at you for other reasons.. like boyfriend and girlfriend problems.

You have to remember who is who and what their boundaries are. You will always have to remember no matter what you do or say, the girls will always win. That's just life unless you're president.

DEAR JOHN,

Evan says I'm not his tupe. He says I need to mature a little. I still love him, but he doesn't feel the same.

Help me.. nervous 6th grader

DEAR NERV,

Don't ever give up. You will win Evan's heart if you keep trying.

proverbs???

A penny is saved is... not much

Two's company, three is Musketeers

PROVERBS... continued
An idle mind is.. the best way to relax.
You can't teach an old dog new math.
Strike while..the bug is close.
Children should be seen and not... grounded.
SIGH!

COCKROACHES AT CEDAR STREET?
by d.zolp (mock news syndicate)
Paw Paw - School officials released a report Monday that one of the school's four portables has an infestation of cockroaches. They say the problem has been going on since August.

The janitors tried to solve the problem but they really didn't. Next, Terminex tried (because nobody bugs bugs like Terminex). When that didn't work, the children got to play math games... How many roaches can you squish in a week? Record was 201!

Now, our theory about how the roaches got there is simple. They just wanted a nice place to stay . They had food, shelter, heat.. what more could the little guys want? Yep. You guessed it. MEDIA ATTENTION. And boy did they get it!

While the fumagation was taking place, the kids were having class in the principal's office. But hey, if you have a trouble maker you don't have to send him anywhere.
(There is alwaysa an upside.)
QUICK QUIZ FOR CAREFUL READERS

1. Can you guess how many roaches were squashed in all? _____
2. What sort of critters do WE have running around HERE?_____
3. Do we need the media attention?
y n. maybe
4. Would you like having class in Mr. Barnhouse's office?_____explain your answer.

(HOPE THE ABOVE DOESN'T BUG ANYONE)

HAVE YOU SEEN IT YET?
THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL... You really ought to, you know.

GOOD TIMES STAFF as follows:
Sam Miller, Jessica KRefman, Casey McKenzie, Nate Maxwell, Andy Goldberg, CeGee Heldt, Crystal Dyer, Kasey Cooper, John Hopson, Rich Rennhack, Nate Offord, KEvin Mattison, Ashley Babin, Lindsey Boulter, Melissa Knoll, Heather Anderson, Nate Krefman, Monika Barker, Ellen Tapper, Ashley Alexander. Matt Bass, Drew Zolp, Gordy Roscoe, Katie Swigart, Julie Baltmanis, Todd Hodgemire, Allyson Newlin, Stacie Wood, Merry Roberts, Sean Salefske, Adam Anderer, Matt Billheimer, Mike Murray, Isaac Ruthruff, Matt Zinkil, Josh Brown, Katie Tapper, Ramsey Beyer.
NEXT MEETING APRIL 29

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD...
PPMS took a fourth place in the middle school section. GOOD WORK, FOLKS!!

MUSIC CONCERTS COMING UP
MAY 14 (CHOIR) and 21 (BAND)
plan ahead.

SURVEY SAYS:
Do you like spring? Alexis DellaCosta says, "Yes, it's not as cold and school's almost out. (but it does rain too much)" Cam Dulin likes it "because sports start and it gets warmer."
Jennie Swintz says," I like rabbits and I love riding my bicycle in warm weather."

Kristel Albertson said," it's only a few months and it's summer." Mary Oberlies mentioned,"Everything comes to life and the air is fresh."
Tony Frego looks forward to"wearing shorts." Jim Mihelich says "It warms up and I can ride my dirt bike." Sam Millek summed it up for most when she said," two words. Spring Break."
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPRING BIRD?

Robert Mengel started us off by saying,"I don't like birds. They're noisy and annoying." SAmantha Urick chose the blue jay while Matt Bass liked the crow.

Jason Abbott's favorite was the Toronto Bluejays. Rich Rennhack and John Hopson chose the chicken...(We guess that's a kind of spring bird...) Jonathan Smith's choice though was that ever-popular April bird, the vulture.

Diana Garcia chose the cardinal and some guy named Kevin asked us ,"Do you have a life?"

ARE YOU PLAYING BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL?
Robby Jack is playing baseball as is Ryan Rife. Softball was a favorite with Kelly Veley, Courtney Kuntz, Kim Barnes, Carrie Cubbison and TC Staggs.
DO YOU LIKE SPRING OREOS?

Kim Van Sickle thought they "tasted too much likfe Mountain Spring Tide." Tom Kolenko though thought they were"awesome." Jamie Merwin says she'll eat "ANY kind of Oreo." Amie Baugher loves the "blue frosting," Samantha Stubbs claimed "blue was my favorite color."
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE EASTER CANDY?

Tammy Hood's was " the colored eggs with the chocolate inside." Chrystal Golladay likes "Butterfinger eggs." Robert Wheatley chose " peepsas did Sarah VanSTelle.

Jim Whitmer's pick was "Nutrageous." Lindsay Fry-Schallhorn likes"Sour gummis." Shannon Ruhf chose " white chocolate rabbits " and Casey McKenzie's choice was "Cadbury eggs and the Milky way eggs." Jessica Krefman liked them too calling them "those Cadbury cream egg thingies."

Dustin Holliday picked"Jello" for his favorite Easter candy. and Becky Roe went even further off the beaten path with" deviled eggs" while asking if they count? Lacey Englehart picked "Reese;s eggs and Jessica Olman simply liked"Chocolate eggs."

Drew Zolp wants the rabbit to know (are you reading this, Mr. Z?) that he likes "The little marshmellow

bunnies." Steve Westbrooks prefers "chocolate Easter egg with creme in the inside." Katie Eldred loves "Robin eggs" and MAry Wren loves"Chocolate rabbits." Dominique Deal hopes to have lots of "those cute little colored m & m's." Happy hunting to all,

DID YOU GO ANYWHERE OVER SPRING BREAK?

Erin Hamilton said,"No I had to practice for Encore dance co." Meghan Adriance went to "LAnsing." Tiffany Davis headed for Indiana to go horseback riding." Kate Arnold went to Texas. Missy Frownfelter went to Escanaba as did Lori Ferrari who called "Oreo Land" (but she may have been obsessing ..see earlier question.)

Corey Aldrich and Courtnie Johnson were among the many who went to Florida. Ginger Harring went to South Carolina. Ashley Herron headed for Chicago to shop. Ashley Babin went on a cruise!

Another AShley, Alexander to be exact, went to Myrtle Beach and Ann ADams went to Wisconsin.

SOUTH PARK. WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHOULD IT BE AVAILABLE ON NETWORK TV FOR ALL AUDIENCES? WHO SHOULD SEE IT?

The question above had the whole seventh and sixth grade news staff wondering. Who should be able to see it? (Assuming they want to.) We believe that anyone under the age of ten is certainly not old enough to see South Park. Is it worthwhile for anyone to see? That's a tough question. Those who do watch the show argued that the characters in the show felt familiar to all teen viewers. We've all been fourth graders and we remember the moments. We also felt we needed to laugh once in a while at ourselves and our experiences. We liked the great things being done with computerized drawings. The humor was ridiculous and the continual repetitions were part of the fun the audience expects. For example, Kenny dies in every episode. The death isn't funny but the different ways it happens and that the fact that it does happen become part of the familiar joke.

Some of the humor is plain old jokes and some is satire. Our staff who had seen it liked it . In fact, the biggest criticism seemed to be the language used and some of that is bleeped out. Some thought the language was no different than they could hear at the mall but others thought that maybe there were too many gross words.

What do you think? Write and share your opinion with the Good Times. We'd love to hear from you. (Letters go to room 203 or to Mrs. Swanson)

NEW 6TH GR.TEACHER MR.CROOK

Roving reporters Kevin Mattison and John Hopson interviewed Mr. Crook this month.

Mr. Crook went to Paw Paw High School and went to college at Western Michigan University.

CROOK CONTINUED...

Mr. Crook coaches the men's baseball team at Paw Paw High School . He also teaches 6th grade math and language arts/lit class for 6th graders.

In his spare time he likes to follow sports with his two sons. His favorite restaurant is the Outback Steakhouse in Kalamazoo.

Mr. Crook says he likes it here at Paw Paw Middle School because he grew up here.

BANNED COMPUTER GAMES
by Matt Zinkil

In the library currently there are two games banned. Those games are Doom and Time Commando.

At first I was going to write about why the school should lift the ban, but instead I will give you the issue from both sides. These two sides are the students' view and the middle school administration's view.

Mr. Barnhouse said, "Some parents and teachers brought up concerns about the games promoting violence." Students say the games do not promote violence.

What is your opinion on the matter? Send your opinion to Mrs. Swanson, room 203 or to the office to be put in her mail box. Say Yes you believe the ban should be lifted or No, you believe it should stay on, or Undecided. Please include a few sentences explaining why you think this way.

We'll print your ideas in the last issue of the year in May.

WHEN BUNNIES ATTACK
by d.zolp

One day in a far far away land a little bunny named Elmer was born. He had a nice happy youth in his native land in Europe when an explorer (Let's call him Bob) came and captured him. He wanted a food source when he arrived in Australia.

Little did Bob know that Australia's perfect conditions along with Elmer and his family could become a crisis.

When they arrived in Australia (Bob and Elmer and his family), the bunnies found Elmer etc. nice homes where they lived happily. (No one much kept track of what happened to Bob.)

In the spring when it was time for babu bunnies, they soon had hundreds of bouncing baby bunnies. During the summer warmth the bunnies lived happily all summer. (or winter...remember this is Australia). The bunnies again multiplied and multiplied and when there were too many bunnied, the rabbits were destroying crops and upsetting traffic etc.

The people got angry and started killing bunnies. Unfortunately, Elmer died along the way in the extermination process.

Let's poke fun of E. Bunny. (now you know where the E. came from...Elmer.) How does the bunny lay eggs? Personally I think the bunny is really a chicken in disquise or a thief who takes eggs from chicken roosts and paints them to put into baskets... to pass off as his own eggs.

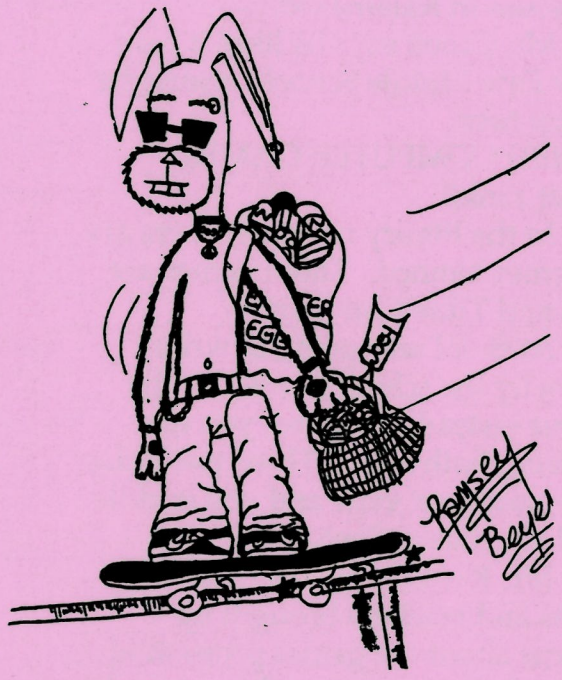
Now there are a lot of animals that do want to be the Cadbury bunny... and only the bunny can fit that job description.

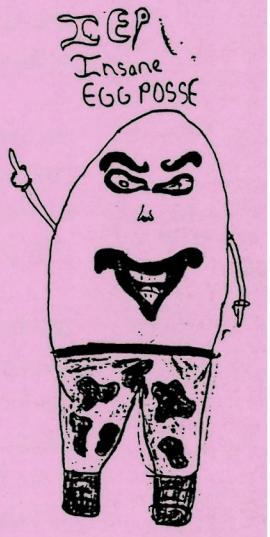
Quick.. a quiz.

1. What's your favorite egg filling?
   a. money b. candy c. miscellaneous items.
2. What to do on Easter Sunday?
   a. church b. Easter dinner c. egg hunt d. isn't there a bowl game?
3. Do you believe in the Easter bunny?
   a. yes b. no c. huh?

SPICE GIRLS INTERVIEW (?) as if... by a. herron

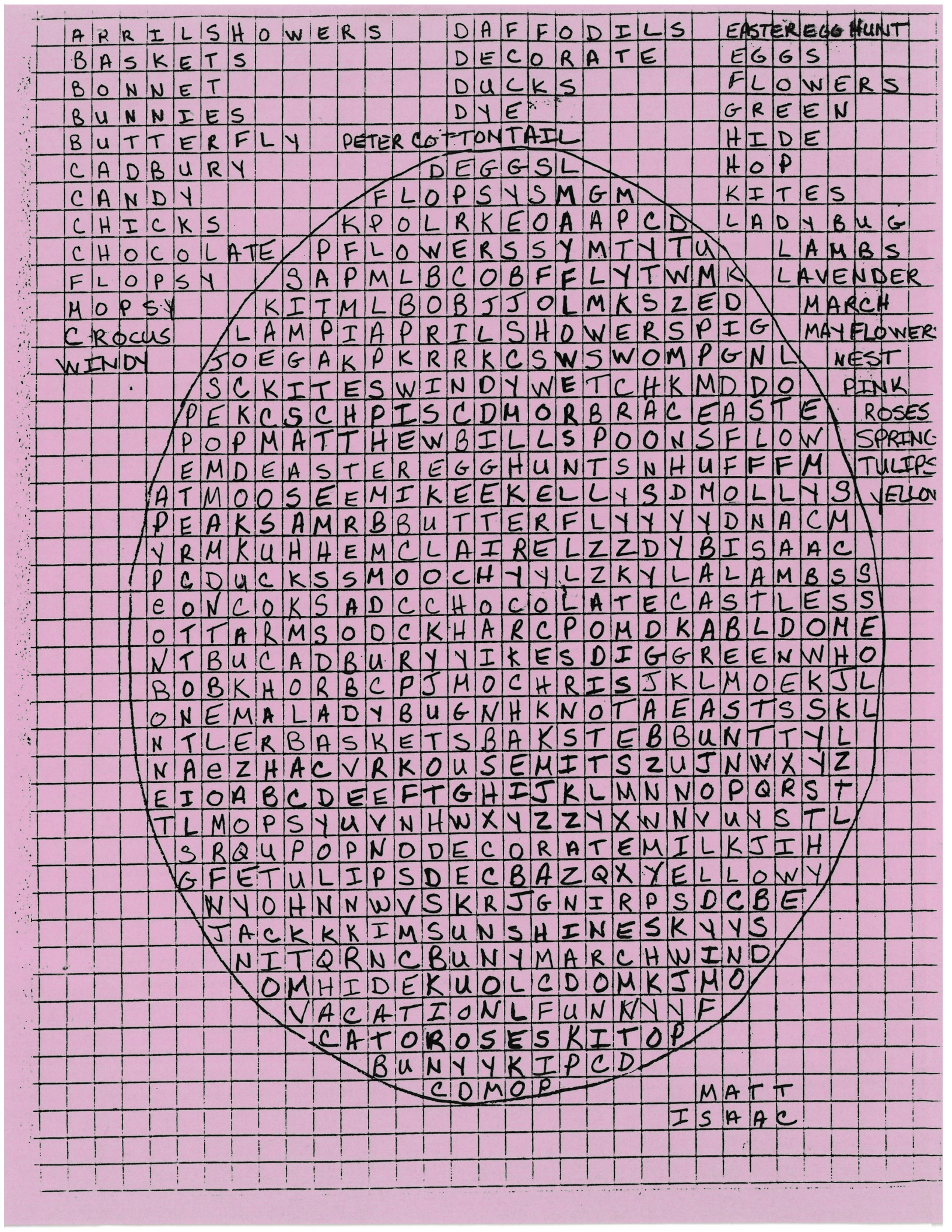
INterviewer: What was it like when you performed last year for us?
MEL B: We weren't scared but we were excited.
Interviewer: So do you girls have boyfriends?
Ginger: Nope still looking for that person.
Baby: I'm not telling.
Scary: Maybe.
Sporty: Boys? Don't ring a bell.
Posh: YEs and we are getting married soon.
Interviewer: So for this year's show what song are you doing?
Geri: that will have to be a surprise.
Inter.: So have you girls seen your spicedolls?
SCary: Yeah, Emma makes us play Barbie meets the Spice girls.
Posh: Yeah I look ugly on mine.
Ginger: Girls power!
Sporty: They're pretty cool.
Baby: I think our mums are calling.
P,S.G.& Sp.: That's our manager Emma.
Posh: See you at Mock Rock.
Baby: Bye bye. Tell that lady Mrs. Schlarman thanks for the candy. See ya in May.
Sporty: Hey all you Spice girl fans.. I 'll be the one in Adidas windbreakers.
MOCK ROCK... MAY 1998...more details to follow.





Winning Eggs!

Collect prizes from Mrs. Swanson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